

**TOWN OF CHARLESTOWN
PUBLIC NOTICE**

TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – December 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI

The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council will be held on December 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Town Hall, 4540 South County Trail, Charlestown, RI. The proposed agenda is as follows:

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call and Pledge of Allegiance

3. Council Sitting as the Beverage Licensing Board

- Public Hearing: Application for transfer of Class BV Limited license from C&E Pizza d/b/a Famous Pizza to C & E Pizza d/b/a Famous Pizza for premises located at 3976 Old Post Road, Charlestown
- General Stanton Inn continuation: G.S.I. INC. d/b/a/ “General Stanton Inn” to apply to premises located at 4115A&B Old Post Road – Class BV Tavern. Designated Premises: The Inn, patio area abutting tavern enclosed by tarmac and stone wall, snack bar and patio area in front of the snack bar/house. No service easterly from tarmac and rear of snack bar to US Route 1.
- Communication from the Starboard Galley: Closed for renovations and cleaning for approximately six to eight weeks. Winter hours will be Thursday through Sunday 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

4. CONSENT AGENDA *All items marked with ** are to be considered consent agenda*

5. **MINUTES AND REPORTS:

- a. Town Council Minutes: November 7, 13
- b. Affordable Housing Commission Minutes: August 23, September 27
- c. Agricultural Preservation Subcommittee Minutes: October 10
- d. Coastal Pond Management Commission Minutes: October 1
- e. Mosquito Abatement District Council Minutes: November 7
- f. Planning Commission Minutes: October 4, 17, 29, November 1
- g. Planning/EIC Subcommittee Minutes: November 1
- h. Senior Citizens Commission Minutes: October 30
- i. Zoning Board of Review Minutes: October 16
- j. Police Department Monthly Report: October
- k. Public Works Department Monthly Report: October
- l. Tax Collector’s Monthly Report: September and October

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – for items not on the agenda

7. ADMINISTRATOR, SOLICITOR, COMMISSION REPORTS

- a. Rob Lyons, Coastal Pond Management Commission-Dredging
- b. Deborah Carney, Charter Revision Committee requests:
 1. Instruct the Town Administrator to request an opinion from the Attorney General re: Planning Commission status as an elected body
 2. Instruct the Town Solicitor to file an action for a Declaratory Judgment in Superior Court re: Does the Planning Commission have legal standing as an elected body?
- c. Dan Slattery, Charter Revision Committee re: requests from Charter Revision
- d. Town Administrator: That the Council consider the following:
 1. Request for opinion or ruling from the Attorney General re: the legitimacy of the elected Planning Commission
 2. Confirmation of Administrator’s earlier request for an opinion from the Solicitor re: The legitimacy of the elected Planning Commission
 3. Filing of action for declaratory judgment concerning the legitimacy of the elected Planning Commission

- e. Request from Mr. Mageau that the Town Solicitor provide an opinion of what sort of liability the Town will be under for failure to address the Planning Commission issue
- f. Holly Eaves, Chariho School Committee – Emergency Call Out System
- g. Virginia Wootten- Report and a request from Mud Cove Project ad hoc Committee
- h. The Town Administrators recommendation for the Mud Cove project (see also Item 15 g)

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

11. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

- a. Petition received from the East Beach Traffic and Safety Committee asking for stop signs at key intersections
- b. Communication from Dale and Denise Bass in opposition to a stop sign at East Beach Road and Burdick Road
- c. Communication from Barry Ricci, Superintendent of Schools asking for Omnibus agenda items.

12. LICENSES AND PERMITS

- a. Request from the Starboard Galley for an Indoor General Entertainment License for premises located at 1 Charlestown Beach Road: acoustical music or “performance” only.

13. PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD

- a. Joseph Dolock re: Charter Revision

14. APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

- a. Resignation from Grayce Anderson, Mosquito Abatement District Council – continued from last month
- b. Resignation from Gordon Foer, Mosquito Abatement District Council – continued from last month
- c. Resignation from Lois Fulton, Mosquito Abatement District Council – continued from last month
- d. Appointment of Mac Hedgepeth to the Agricultural Preservation Commission as an alternate with a recommendation from Dr. Fritz Vohr, Chairman.
- e. Appointment of Grayce Anderson to the Senior Citizen Commission with a recommendation from Joan Wicklund, Chairperson.
- f. Appointment of D. Mac Richardson to the Mosquito Abatement District Council
- g. Appointment of a Charlestown Councilor to the Chariho Act Revision Subcommittee
- h. Appointment of a Constable with a recommendation from Lt. Patrick McMahon: Andrew E. Checchia

15. FISCAL MATTERS

- **a. Request from the Tax Assessor for a rescinding of abatements that were done at the November 13, 2007 Town Council meeting due to the Application for Abatement of Property Tax being incorrectly filed in the amount of \$2,541.38
- **b. Request from the Tax Assessor for abatements for Kenyon Industries Inc. in the amount of \$26,029.95. There will be a supplement bill issued to Kenyon Piece Dyeworks Inc. in the same amount.
- **c. Request from the Tax Assessor for abatements totaling 49,800.55
- **d. Award of bid for the purchase of audio/visual enhancements for the police conference room with a recommendation from Lt. Patrick McMahon, as approved by the Town Administrator: Shanix of Cranston, RI in the amount of \$8,737.05 with funding to be drawn from COPS Technology Grant, Account #1167.
- **e. Award of bid for bituminous overlay for Shumankanuc Hill Road with a recommendation from Alan Arsenault, Director of Public Works, as approved by the Town Administrator: J.H. Lynch in the amount of \$62.35 per ton with total tonnage adjusted for increased distance with the project cost not to exceed \$40,000.

****f.** Request from the Planning Commission for the Town Council to reduce the bond for Richardson Estates on Paradise Lane by \$12,000. This amount was for landscape improvements, which have been completed and is acceptable.

g. Appointment of Kent and Frost LLC, engineering consultants, for the Mud Cove Project

16. LEGAL MATTERS

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

18. NEW BUSINESS

a. Audit of the Chariho facilities – fixed assets

b. Discussion of a committee to review and update the previous Charlestown school withdrawal plans

19. COUNCIL COMMENTS

20. ADJOURNMENT

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